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To whom it may concern:

I am a computer user of both a Microsoft Operating System and a non-microsoft operating system that is trying to market itself as an alternative to the Windows line. So far, the operating system I favor (the BeOS) and others like it have had major roadblocks thrown in our faces due to Microsoft practices. The OS's I speak of run well with their own software, or with each other's software, , but have had a very difficult, if not impossible task of working with the Microsoft systems, which the majority of computer users use. If these other businesses are to be given the equal right to develop a product, Microsoft must be properly dealt with in this case. Microsoft's Office file formats cannot be used by non-microsoft software and the Windows installer will not let me boot into my non-Windows OS, so I cannot try to develop software for the Operating System of my own choice. Many other hinderances placed by Microsoft prevent legitimate software developers from writing!

software that people can use. Thank you for your efforts to rectify the issues at hand. I am not alone, users world-wide share my appreciation for your efforts.

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